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New Zealand, as the run between this and that port is but four days. I am informed that New Zealand will demand fourteen days' quarantine, and if she insists upon this and the other colonies follow the rather extraordinary example, trade and travel between the colonial ports will likely be paralyzed until the plague is utterly stamped out.

The records of the bill of health for the *Moana*, bringing this, after marking every other feature of the required conditions as good, the following is recorded :

*Memorandum board of health, week ended March 10, 1900—Bubonic plague in Sydney.*—Isolation from previous week, 2; admitted during week, 4; deaths, 3; remaining in quarantine March 10, 1900, 4. The cases of plague have appeared in different quarters of the city, but the city as a whole is clean, the locality is naturally very healthful and every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease. There now seems to be very little danger of an epidemic.

Respectfully,

GEORGE W. BELL,  
United States Consul.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.

#### BRAZIL.

*Births and deaths at Bahia during November, 1899.*

BAHIA, BRAZIL, March 24, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement showing the vital statistics of Bahia for the month of November, 1899.

This statement is compiled in this office from the monthly report of the bureau of hygiene as published in to day's issue of the official paper.

Respectfully,

H. W. FURNESS,  
United States Consul.

HON. SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of Bahia for month of November, 1899.*

Maximum temperature.....	31° C.
Minimum temperature.....	23° C.
Average temperature.....	27.58° C.
Average relative humidity.....	87.31° C.
Rainfall.....	38 mm.
Rainy days.....	4
Prevailing winds.....	N., NE., NW.
Cases of infectious diseases—	
Yellow fever: (a)	
Male.....	1
Female.....	1
Treated in residence.....	2
Died.....	0
Smallpox:	
Male.....	0
Female.....	1
Nationality, Brazilian.....	1
Race, white.....	1
Had never been vaccinated.....	1
Treated in hospital.....	1
Died.....	1
Lepers in hospital close of last month.....	17
Male.....	13
Female.....	4
Entered during month.....	0
Left during month.....	0
Died during month.....	0

a Period of acclimatization, 1 of three years, other unknown. Nationality, both Brazilians; race, 1 white, other mixed.

*Vital statistics for Bahia for month of November, 1899.—Continued.*

Births, alive—(a)	
Male .....	17
Female .....	24
Legitimate .....	27
Illegitimate .....	14
Births, stillborn—	
Male .....	12
Female.....	6
Marriages .....	14
Deaths—	
Male .....	195
Female .....	139
Nationality—	
African .....	10
Brazilian .....	316
German .....	1
Italian .....	1
Portuguese.....	3
Spanish .....	3
Cause of death—	
Beriberi.....	4
Enteric fever .....	3
Smallpox .....	1
Typhus fever.....	0
Yellow fever .....	0
Asthma .....	2
Bright's disease.....	6
Bronchitis .....	13
Carcinoma .....	5
Cerebral hemorrhage and congestion.....	12
Diabetis.....	2
Diarrhea and dysentery....	44
Diseases of circulatory system.....	36
Elephantiasis.....	0
Influenza .....	0
Malarial fevers .....	20
Meningitis .....	5
Nephritis .....	10
Pneumonia .....	5
Syphilis.....	0
Tetanus .....	3
Tetanus neonatorum.....	3
Tuberculosis, pulmonary.....	63
Other causes.....	127
Died in hospital .....	86

*Six deaths from plague in Rio de Janeiro.*

[Telegram.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, *April 20, 1900.*

There have been 6 cases of plague in Rio de Janeiro; fatal. Three imported from Oporto April 4. State health authorities have not decided yet officially. Do not think there will be any further spread.

HABELBURG,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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aVery incomplete.